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# VENOM WAR

# LETHAL PROTECTORS

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THEN.

THE ISTANBUL JOB.

SABLE?

DOMINIC...

I THINK I *LOVE* YOU.

DID YOU MEAN IT?

WHAT?

WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT.

I'M NOT TAKING IT BACK.

WOW! **DOMINIC FORTUNE**, THE BIG OL' SOFTY. I FEEL SO PRIVILEGED TO GET A WINDOW INTO THIS SIDE OF YOU.

IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT BACK. I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF YOU DID.

I KNOW YOU STILL KEEP A SECRET DIAMONDBACK 9MM IN THE FOLDS OF THE MATTRESS WHEREVER YOU SLEEP.

JUST IN CASE I TURN OUT TO BE SOME KIND OF ***DOUBLE AGENT*** OUT TO GET YOU.

SORRY. OLD HABITS. PSYCHO EX-HUSBAND AND ALL.

BUT IF YOU KNEW I WOULDN'T SAY IT BACK...WHY DID ***YOU*** SAY IT?

BECAUSE IT'S MY ***TRUTH***.

I WANTED TO SHARE IT, BECAUSE, HELL, SABLE, I NEEDED TO BE ***HONEST***. WE'VE BEEN AT THIS A FEW MONTHS NOW, TYING UP LOOSE ENDS SO YOU CAN RESTART YOUR ***WILD PACK***.

YOU'VE BEEN LIVING WITH COVER STORIES FOR SO LONG, I WONDER IF YOU EVEN ***REMEMBER*** HOW TO BE THE "REAL" YOU.

BUT WHOEVER I'M LOOKING AT... THE SABLE IN FRONT OF ME NOW...I'M ***FALLING*** FOR YOU, AND I DON'T CARE IF THE FEELING ISN'T MUTUAL. WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO WITH MY TRUTH IS UP TO YOU.

WHO KNOWS. MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE ***VULNERABLE*** WITH SOMEONE TOO. EVEN IF IT ISN'T ME.

NEW YORK.
ALCHEMAX.
NOW.

MS. SABLINOVA. *LIZ ALLAN* HERE. I HOPE THIS ISN'T A BAD TIME.

GOT A LITTLE JOB FOR YOU AND YOUR WILD PACK OF MISFITS. I'D HANDLE IT MYSELF, BUT I'M OTHERWISE *OCCUPIED* AT THE MOMENT.

I HOPE THE, UM...THE **DEFENSE UPGRADES** I PROVIDED HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WELL WITH THE TEAM.

I'M SORRY TO BE THIS PERSON, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PULL THE "PRIORITY" CARD ON THIS ONE. I'M SENDING YOU THE DETAILS NOW. HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT TO NEW YORK!

THANKS, DEAR.

SPLAT

# VENOM WAR

## LETHAL PROTECTORS #1

**EDDIE BROCK** and **DYLAN BROCK** are at war over control of the **VENOM** symbiote, each believing that the other joining with the alien again would usher in a universe-ending catastrophe. The **VENOM WAR** begins!

The battle now threatens to consume the streets of New York City as mindless, rampaging half-zombie, half-symbiote **ZOMBIOTES** escape from Alchemax. Both sides will need to recruit allies to their cause--and international mercenary **SILVER SABLE** is ready to take her next mission...

### THE WILD PACK

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"WILD PACK, LISTEN UP..."

"WE'RE ON THE GROUND IN TEN.

"THIS IS ALPHA PRIORITY, PEOPLE...

"TUNE YOUR SONIC AMPLIFIERS NOW...

"WE'LL BE RETRIEVING A PACKAGE UNDER POSSESSION OF THE ***LIFE FOUNDATION***.

"ITS CONTENTS ARE UNKNOWN, BUT THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES.

"IT APPEARS NEW YORK CITY HAS BEEN OVERRUN BY UNTAMED ***SYMBIOTES***, DRIVING THEIR HOSTS TO UNPREDICTABLE VIOLENCE.

"SLIP UP FOR JUST ONE SECOND, AND YOU'RE LIKELY TO ***DIE***.

POP

"IN OTHER WORDS..."

...IT'S GOING TO BE ***FUN***.

SILVER SABLE

ANY QUESTIONS?

STRIKLAN

PUMA

LINA

LIGHTBRIGHT

UH, IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THE RIDE KINDA BUMPY?

TARANTULA

# THE WILD PACK

HEY, *NAWAB.*

FEELS LIKE THE RIDE'S GETTING A LITTLE SHAKY.

ARE WE HITTING TURBULENCE?

NO, MA'AM.

SORRY, MY PILOTING'S A LITTLE RUSTY.

YOU'RE WORRIED BECAUSE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME GOING INTO THE FIELD.

YES, MA'AM.

DON'T BE. YOU PASSED THE TRAINING. YOU'RE *READY* FOR THIS.

THANK YOU. IT'S AN *HONOR* TO BE HERE. I'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT THE WILD PACK.

NOW THE STORIES ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT *YOU.*

YOU KNOW WHAT I DO TO FEEL *CALM?* FOCUS ON SOMETHING IN MY SIGHT THAT I WANT TO PROTECT. IT HELPS REORIENT ME TO THE MISSION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CHAOS.

AND THEN I IDENTIFY THE BIGGEST THREAT, AND I GO AFTER IT.

*PROTECT. DESTROY.* THAT'S THE JOB.

"PROTECT. DESTROY." GOT IT.

REALLY, *TARANTULA?* DRINKING RIGHT BEFORE THE MISSION?

WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN METABOLISM, CUTIE. THIS HERE'S SOMETHIN' SPECIAL FROM THE HOMELAND. WE MAKE IT OUT ALIVE, I MIGHT EVEN SHARE IT WITH YOU.

THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME. WE'VE NEVER FIELD-TESTED THE *LETHAL PROTECTORS INITIATIVE*. NOT SURE A HIGH-PRIORITY MISSION IS THE PLACE TO DO IT.

SCARED, *LIGHTBRIGHT?* DON'T WORRY. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY'RE JUST DEFENSE UPGRADES.

NAH. LIGHTBRIGHT'S RIGHT. THIS WHOLE THING STINKS.

WE DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE LOCATION OR THE TARGET. TOO MANY UNKNOWNS.

OH, IT'S OBVIOUS WE'RE BEING KEPT IN THE DARK ON PURPOSE.

WHAT I DON'T KNOW IS WHO'S DOING THE WITHHOLDING...

"...IS SABLE REALLY TELLING US EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS?"

WE'RE HERE.

FOR A PLACE CALLED "THE LIFE FOUNDATION," THERE'S NOT A LOT OF LIFE TO BE FOUND.

LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE BUILDING'S BEEN RAIDED. SIGNS OF ***FORCED ENTRY*** EVERYWHERE.

THAT MEANS THE SYMBIOTE OUTBREAK COULD HAVE ALREADY REACHED THIS BUILDING. LOOK ALIVE, PEOPLE.

THE PACKAGE IS IN ***THERE.***

I WAS HOPING YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT. EVERY INSTINCT IN MY BODY IS TELLING ME ***NOT*** TO OPEN IT.

BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP BUMP

GRÉDDAJK

GK!

GET IT OFF, GET IT OFF!

HURK!

BANG

BANG

SLICE

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING?

THESE AREN'T LIKE NORMAL SYMBIOTES. ARE YOU OKAY, NAWAB?

...YEAH. FINE.

LET'S RETRIEVE THE PACKAGE AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

THEY WERE DOING LIVE EXPERIMENTS HERE. ***RECENTLY.***

THINK THEY CREATED THAT... ***THING*** BACK THERE?

NAH. SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS ***OTHER*** CREEPY SCIENCE.

THEN WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT HERE THAT WE NEED TO STEAL IT WHILE THOSE THINGS ARE RUNNING AROUND?

I THINK I FOUND IT. THIS TANK'S THE ONLY THING IN HERE THAT'S *SOUNDPROOF.*

WHY WOULD A CHEMICAL NEED TO BE SOUNDPROOF?

MAYBE IT'S **NOT** A CHEMICAL INSIDE.

WHATEVER IT IS, LET'S TAKE IT AND GET OUT OF HERE *NOW.*

PUMA?

WE'VE GOT COMPANY. MORE OF THEM.

WHERE?

*EVERYWHERE.*

B-KA-SH

TIGHT FORMATION! SECURE THE PACKAGE.

FORGET THE PACKAGE. LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE NOW!

GRR!

GRR!

GKK!

AND GO WHERE? THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

HRR!

SABLE! WE NEED *ENHANCEMENTS!*

WHUMP

NNNGG...

SILVER SABLE AUTHORIZATION CODE 5042. ACTIVATE LETHAL PROTECTOR MODE.

AUTHORIZED.

LETHAL--

--PROTECTOR--

--MODE--

INITIATED

PHAGE (STRIKLAN)

RIOT (PUMA)

AGONY (NAVVAB)

LASHER (TARANTULA)

SCREAM (LIGHTBRIGHT)

AND INTRODUCING...
FLICKER (LIN)

OKAY, NO BIG DEAL. JUST A HORDE OF KILLING MACHINES, YOU GOT THIS, NAVVAB.

PROTECT DESTROY

PROTECT DESTROYYY--

I DON'T... FEEL...

HOST TRANSFORMING

BEEP BEEP BEEEP

NUH-NO!!!

BOOOOM

WHAT... THE HELL...JUST HAPPENED?

NAVVAB JUST *EXPLODED* AND TOOK THE SYMBIOTES WITH HIM.

NAVVAB'S *DEAD?*

AGONY SYMBIOTE GOT NERVOUS THAT HE WAS BIT BY ONE OF THOSE THINGS. IT BAILED. THEN HIS SONIC EMITTER BLEW HIM TO BITS.

MEANING, SABLE KILLED HIM. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SABLE?

SCHLOP

THESE *SONIC EMITTERS* AREN'T JUST TO KEEP THE SYMBIOTES IN LINE. SHE PUT KILL SWITCHES INTO THEM. INTO *ALL* OF US!

I DIDN'T KILL HIM. THE SWITCH ONLY GETS TRIGGERED IF THE HOST IS UNRESPONSIVE. THE SYMBIOTES ARE TOO *DANGEROUS* TO BE LET LOOSE.

HHHH

THESE SYMBIOTES ARE HARD TO KILL. THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO DESTROY IS US.

DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE PROVE OUR WORTH TO YOU. YOU STILL THINK WE'RE ONE BAD MOVE AWAY FROM BEING A LIABILITY.

YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED US, BOSS.

YOU KNEW THE DEAL WHEN YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS PROGRAM.

HRRR

MAYBE WE NEED TO RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF OUR DEAL, THEN.

SHRIIP

UNH!

EEEEEEEEEEEEEE

AUGH!

ENJOYING THAT SONIC FREQUENCY RINGING IN YOUR EARS?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. PUMA, YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THESE SONIC EMITTERS WORK WONDERS.

ANYONE ELSE WANNA TEST--

--MEEEEEEEE--

SCHLOPP

AAH! STOP IT! SOMEONE HELP ME!

MOTHER!

GET IT OFF--

THE WORST PART OF BEING A SPY IS, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO **TRUST** ANYONE EVER AGAIN.

SOMETIMES I GET LUCKY.

UNGH! STOP! PLEASE...

SO MUCH PAIN, LITTLE ONE. MY ADVICE TO YOU: STAY **OUT** OF MY AFFAIRS.

HUH--

SO THAT'S WHAT THIS FEELS LIKE...

THE SILVER SYMBIOTE

TO BE CONTINUED...

# VENOM WAR

## THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR #2

VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL #1

## CHECKLIST

~~08/07/24 VENOM WAR 1~~

~~08/14/24 VENOM 36~~

~~08/14/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 1~~

~~08/21/24 VENOM WAR: CARNAGE 1~~

~~08/21/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 1~~

~~08/28/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 1~~

~~09/04/24 VENOM WAR 2~~

~~09/04/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 2~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM 37~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 1~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM WAR: CARNAGE 2~~

09/18/24 VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL 1

09/18/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 2

09/18/24 VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS 1

09/25/24 VENOM WAR: DAREDEVIL 1

09/25/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 2

10/02/24 VENOM WAR 3

10/02/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 3

10/09/24 VENOM 38

10/09/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 2

10/16/24 VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL 2

10/16/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 3

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10/23/24 VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS 2

10/30/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 3

10/30/24 VENOM WAR: FANTASTIC FOUR 1

11/06/24 VENOM WAR 4

11/06/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 4

11/13/24 VENOM 39

11/13/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 3

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11/20/24 VENOM WAR: IT'S JEFF 1

11/27/24 VENOM WAR 5

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